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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1037**  
Kouki FUKUI : Docket No. 2001\_0681A  
Serial No. 09/870,480 : Group Art Unit 1772  
Filed June 1, 2001 : Examiner W. Aughenbaugh

NONCOMBUSTIBLE INSULATING DUCT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1772**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated December 29, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 15-47.

(X) A timely response to the final rejection is filed concurrently herewith.

() The extension fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

(X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$330.00 (other than Small Entity)  
[ ] \$165.00 (Small Entity)

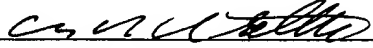
(X) is enclosed

() is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has been previously submitted.
- ☐ The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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